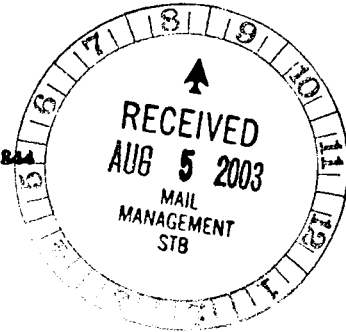




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August 5, 2003

Vernon A. Williams
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AB 33 (Sub No. 153X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

This is a request for additional time in which to finalize negotiations for the acquisition of the railroad right-of-way between Albia and Eddyville in Monroe County, Iowa.

We are hopeful this will be the last extension of time that will be needed to bring these negotiations to a close.

We are forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr. John Herdzina at the Real Estate Office of the Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha and to the railroad's legal counsel, Mr. Mack Shumate, Jr. in the UP's Chicago offices. We believe the railroad intends to cooperate in agreeing to the extension of this time.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

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